

DDA 82-0522

24 February 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Inspector General

FROM: Harry E. Fitzwater
Deputy Director for Administration


SUBJECT: Classification of DCID 1/14

1. I have looked into the matter that you raised with me and the Executive Director concerning the classification of Director of Central Intelligence Directive (DCID) 1/14.

2. Because DCIDs are an Intelligence Community matter, the Chairman, DCI Security Committee (SECOM), was asked to place your concern before SECOM for consideration. At the 17 February SECOM meeting, the members voted unanimously to go on record in support of maintaining the unclassified status of this Directive.

3. The SECOM made a conscious decision not to classify DCID 1/14 when it was adopted on 1 July 1968. This was well before the initiative of the seventies to declassify everything possible. On 24 September 1979, the HPSCI Subcommittee on Oversight released the text of DCID 1/14 to the press. The SECOM members believe the initial decision not to classify DCID 1/14 was correct. Its public release and its unclassified status for more than a decade further weigh against a change at this time. Finally, SECOM considers it necessary to have an unclassified policy to deal effectively with such matters as appeals of denials of SCI access.

4. In view of this background, I believe it would be unproductive to pursue this matter any further but welcome your comments if you still have concern about this decision.


Harry E. Fitzwater

cc: Executive Director
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